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# NEWS FROM THE EAST

The mail company with W. A. Hickman, which left here on the 8th of February did not arrive there till the 6th of March and left on the 8th. O. P. Rockwell with the March mail passed on the 27th; all hands were well. Rockwell left at the fort 200 pounds of flour, 50 pounds of which they had yet on hand, and hoped that it would last till more arrived. . . .

*Parley P. Pratt*

(May 13, 1857.—Pratt was killed by Hector H. McLean, near Van Buren, Arkansas, presumably in jealousy at the conversion of Mrs. McLean to Mormonism. Pratt led the second immigration into the Salt Lake valley; and then explored southern Utah in 1849-50. It is said of him: "He traveled more, and preached and wrote more and better, than any of his compeers.")

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**LAWYERS AND DOCTORS.**—After the departure of the company that went with the Governor there were only two lawyers and two or three doctors left in the city. Both of the lawyers have been steadily at work, and all the doctors have been following some useful employment, aside from their profession, but one, and we are sorry to state that he has not been seen, to our knowledge, with either axe, hoe, pick, shovel or spade in his hand for a long time, though he seems to be busy every day.

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**THE EASTERN MAIL** arrived on the 20th ult., having left Independence on the 1st of May, and much credit is due to Mr. John Alvarado, conductor to Laraine, and 300 east of Salt Lake. He heard from them the rumour, and in order to get at the facts, he remained with Mr. Tist, the Indian agent, for several days. The Indians had come into the Fort and reported that twelve of them had attacked Colonel Babbitt while one of his men was away, and after the Colonel had fired his double barrel gun and his two revolvers, one of the Indians crept behind the wagon and romahawked the Colonel. Frank Rowland and Sutherland were also killed.

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## REFUTATION OF CHARGES AGAINST BRIGHAM YOUNG

(From the "Mormon.")

We shall quote from the (Council Bluffs)

"The arrival on Sunday eve of a train from Salt Lake under command of Captain W. J. Hawley, places beyond question the fact of the murder of Hon. A. W. Babbitt, Secretary of Utah Territory. From Mr. Hawley we obtain the following information—

"Near the 'Sweet Water,' he met Messrs. Kimball and Ferguson. This is about 200 miles west of Fort Laraine, and 300 east of Salt Lake. He heard from them the rumour, and in order to get at the facts, he remained with Mr. Tist, the Indian agent, for several days. The Indians had come into the Fort and reported that twelve of them had attacked Colonel Babbitt while one of his men was away, and after the Colonel had fired his double barrel gun and his two revolvers, one of the Indians crept behind the wagon and romahawked the Colonel. Frank Rowland and Sutherland were also killed.

"The Indians said the Colonel fought like a grizzly bear.

"When at Fort Kearney, Captain Hawley learned that Major Wharton had in his possession the papers (including a draft of \$8,000) and some of his hair. His watch was obtained by a Frenchman, from the Indians. Altogether about eighteen whites have been killed. . . .

**THE EASTERN MAIL**, under charge of Mr. A. O. Shoor, left on the 2nd inst, schedule